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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TERRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 28, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LEE TERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Lord, You are the source of strength for the faith-filled. You are the source of courage to those in need. You are the source of hope to all who place their trust in You.

Bless the Members of the House of Representatives as they face a schedule of ongoing challenges and opportunities in this 108th Congress. Give them hearts readily moved by the concerns of those who come to them in need. Grant to them also a broad vision that will embrace national interests so that they may raise the hopes of people for a better world in which to establish their homes and raise their children.

To You be the honor, glory, and power now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TIAHRT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### CONGRATULATING THE BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRIZZLIES

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Butler County Community College Grizzlies for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship in football.

On December 6, the Grizzlies, from El Dorado, Kansas, wrapped up an undefeated season with a 14-10 victory over Dixie State in the Dixie Rotary Bowl to win the Junior College National Championship for the third time in the last 6 years.

Butler County trailed the Dixie State Rebels 10-6 at halftime. However, the Grizzlies started the third quarter with a 14-play scoring drive, capped by a touchdown by the First Team All-American quarterback, Chad Wilmott. They went on to the 14-10 victory. That touchdown drive changed the momentum of the game.

I would like to commend the players, coaching staff, and the administration of Butler County for establishing the Grizzlies as a powerhouse in junior college football. A record of 12 wins and zero losses speaks volumes about the character and determination of the coaches and student athletes at Butler County. A team that produced four All-Americans and the Coach of the Year truly exemplifies the hard work and dedication that is synonymous with

south central Kansas. I congratulate and thank the Butler County Grizzlies for an unforgettable season.

### FROM SURPLUS TO DEFICIT

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the House Committee on the Budget had a hearing yesterday with the Congressional Budget Office. So it was about numbers, and normally numbers are boring and benign, but this laid out a nightmare scenario.

When President Bush took office, the Clinton administration, in concert with the Congressional Budget Office, estimated that there would be a surplus over the next 10 years of \$5.6 trillion. We now have an estimate for the next 10 years not of a surplus but of a cumulative deficit of \$4.8 trillion. What a fiscal reversal! Over \$10 trillion.

I suppose we do not have to worry much about it because it is really going to be heaped on the backs of our children and grandchildren. We will retire on Medicare and Social Security before we will have to pay this number off.

For this fiscal year the Clinton administration had us in line to have a surplus of \$400 billion. We now will have a deficit of \$477 billion.

Getting rid of Saddam Hussein was a good thing to do. Tax cuts are always a popular thing to do. But somebody, someday is going to have to pay the piper. And I guess we've decided that somebody should be our kids after we retire. This is unfair. It is immoral, and it is irresponsible for this party to be such willing partners to this injustice.

### DEFICIT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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